

NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b) IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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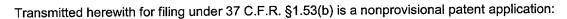
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	33 pages of Specification/Claims 1-10/Abstract are attached. Formal drawings (Figs). 1-20; 9 sheet(s) are attached. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. An assignment of the invention to is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
	An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and 1 reference. This application is entitled to Small Entity Status. A Preliminary Amendment is attached. Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentenceThis nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No, filed
\boxtimes	Priority of foreign application No. <u>2000-010972</u> filed <u>January 19, 2000</u> in <u>Japan</u> is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119. A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.
	The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary

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BASIC FEE				
TOTAL CLAIMS	10 - 20	0		
INDEP CLAIMS	2 - 3	= 0		

	SMALL ENTITY					
	RATE	FEE	<u>OR</u>			
		\$ 355	<u>OR</u>			
	x 9 =	\$	<u>OR</u>			
	x 40 =	\$	<u>OR</u>			
	+135 =	\$	<u>OR</u>			
,	TOTAL	\$	<u>OR</u>			

LARGE ENTITY				
RATE	FEE			
	\$ 710			
x 18	\$0			
x 80	\$ 0			
+270	\$ 270			
TOTAL	\$ 980			

A check for the filing fee is not enclosed at this time. \boxtimes

Respectfully submitted

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